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...the concept that a true communist is one who can unconditionally surrender individual interest to the interest of the society, of the party and of revolution, is no longer adequate. This concept embodied in the books *On Communist Education* by Kalinin and *How To Be A Good Communist* by Liu Shaoqi* — although criticized now, once this book used to be highly acclaimed by the CPC — basically reflects the bourgeois humanist sense of values. If the standard of consciousness remains at this level, the struggle for emancipation of the individual that has entered a new, complex stage in the socialist system can not be resolved fully and it would not be possible to bring about complete dedication by defeating the tendency of individualism. Today, in order to attain the advanced standard of communist character, an individual would have to identify himself unreservedly, unhesitatingly, unconditionally and happily with the interest of the party and revolution and conduct arduous, painstaking struggle on that basis.

— Shibdas Ghosh

* later turned renegade

Come forward to strengthen and revitalize SUCI

General Secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's call on the occasion of the 57th anniversary of the party

On the historic occasion of the 57th anniversary of our beloved Party the Socialist Unity Centre of India, founded by our leader, teacher, guide and a foremost Marxist thinker of this era, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, I call upon all its leaders, and cadres to recall the revolutionary role that the party played both in the international and national fields from its very inception and also carry forward this glorious heritage all through with greater determination and vigour.

First, as the only genuine communist party of India, the party, during the entire period of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's lifetime, played significant role at every crucial hour of the world communist movement and held high the banner of proletarian internationalism. And after the demise of Comrade Ghosh also, the party being armed with his thoughts carried the heritage and fulfilled its international obligations by providing correct answer to all the critical questions and doubts that confronted the world communist movement as well as by

advancing correct line of struggles at all complex situations that developed in the international sphere during this period.

Secondly, as the revolutionary vanguard of the proletariat of India, our beloved party from its very inception bent all its energy to organize the working class and all sections of exploited toiling people of the country namely the poor and middle peasants, the middle and poor employees, teachers, students, youths and women in their respective organizations and built up struggles against all sorts of exploitation, oppression and decadent bourgeois culture as well as against anti-people policies of both the Central and State Governments, braving all odds and facing police brutalities or even sacrificing lives. And the party built up all these struggles on the edifice of higher proletarian culture. Through these struggles the party all through tried to bring about a new awakening amongst the vast toiling millions on the one hand, and on the

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Historic 24th April

Significance of SUCI Foundation Day

24th April next will mark the 57th anniversary of our beloved party, the SUCI, the revolutionary party of the proletariat on the Indian soil, reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide, founder general secretary of the party and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, a worthy continuator of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong. Come this day,

we all recall with reverence the invaluable teachings of Comrade Ghosh and reaffirm our pledge to engage ourselves unreservedly, unflinchingly and without relent in the struggle to fulfil all his behests, bend all energies to keep aflame the torch he lit within us, lead anti-capitalist socialist revolution in India to its successful culmination by foiling all ploys and intrigues of

the ruling exploiting bourgeoisie and thoroughly exposing all varieties of revisionism, reformism and social democratism, discharge our obligation towards world proletarian revolution by helping resurgence of a mighty international communist movement on correct base political line and on the edifice of higher proletarian ethics and culture, ensure that march of

civilization and course of social progress are not fettered or inhibited.

Background of party formation

We date back to the days Comrade Ghosh along with his handful of close compatriots like Comrades Nihar Mukherjee, Sachin

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Comrade Ghosh enriched Leninist concept of party building

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Banerjee, Subodh Banerjee, Hiren Sarkar, Pritish Chanda, and others engaged themselves in a unique, tortuous, intensive socialist ideological struggle through both subjective and objective practices based on the Leninist concept of party building process with a view to giving shape to a real communist party. Applying correct Marxist methodology of analysis, Comrade Ghosh came to the conclusion that notwithstanding the dedication, honesty and sacrifice of many of the founders, leaders and cadres of the undivided Communist Party of India (CPI), the said party never grew and developed as a real communist party. Had that been so, the history of India would have been different. Instead of transfer of political power from the British imperialists to the Indian capitalist class through compromise and establishment of a capitalist state and system to bestride the country like a deadweight, the national liberation movement could have been so directed as to conduce to simultaneously achieve both national liberation and proletarian revolution. The world situation then was extremely favourable. After the epoch-making October Socialist Revolution in Russia under Lenin's leadership, the most significant event had been the defeat of the fascist axis of Germany-Italy-Japan in the Second World War by the Soviet Union, its Red Army and the heroic Soviet people under the spectacular leadership of Stalin.

The magnificent victory of the Soviet people not only earned it the prestige of being the saviour of mankind from an impending peril but also heightened the nobility and credibility of communism as the only ideology which all roads must lead to. It also triggered a tremendous spurt in the liberation struggles in the colonies and semi-colonies and revolutionary working class movements in the capitalist countries. The emergence of the socialist camp freed socialism from within the bounds of a single country and transferred it into a world system, polarized the world forces into two distinctly opposite camps — the imperialist-capitalist war camp headed by US imperialism and the anti-imperialist, anti-fascist socialist peace camp led by the Soviet Union. The victory of working class revolution in China further strengthened the socialist

camp and truncated the imperialist-capitalist bloc.

But the Indian working class and the toiling millions could not take advantage of this congenial world situation to liberate themselves from the tentacles of capitalist exploitation as the party going by the name communist, because of its non-working class character, failed to provide correct leadership and direction to the people's struggle against the alien rulers. Realizing the need of Indian revolution marked by the absence of a genuine communist party, Comrade Ghosh took upon himself the historic task of building up a genuine communist party. He had only one thing — firm ideological conviction — conviction based on the anvil of logic and science, incessant quest for ferreting out the truth, unwavering struggle for applying truth in life and deriving correct outlook, attitude and approach through this process. It was a struggle having no parallel in history. He was unknown, had no press-backing, no international recognition. Rather, the undivided CPI then enjoying international recognition, bantered him for taking such a valiant initiative. On the other hand, the Congress having usurped all the credit of the glorious freedom movement, was commanding an overwhelming support from the masses.

Yet he remained undaunted, determined and alongwith his handful of compatriots dared to carry on the struggle with rare revolutionary audacity. And in the process of building up the party and concretizing Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil, Comrade Ghosh emerged as a great leader of the proletariat, as a giant communist authority, elaborating, developing and enriching the treasure-house of Marxist philosophy and bringing its understanding to a new height. There has not been a single issue or problem related to the struggle for emancipation of the proletariats both in the national and international spheres, in the realm of epistemology, science, philosophy, art-literature and in any walk of life which was not within his easy reach, not illumined by his profound wisdom.

Comrade Ghosh on party building process

His contributions towards enriching the Leninist teachings on

the methods of party building are significant. Explaining the three pre-requisites to be fulfilled before giving final organizational shape to such a party, Comrade Ghosh said, "First, those who have taken the lead in forming the party would have to lay the foundation of ideological centralism first among themselves through a socialist movement based on dialectical materialism covering all aspects including the minutest details, of their personal lives. Secondly, ... the struggle for developing a concrete concept of collective leadership is, in essence, the primary struggle to build up a communist party. For this, unless ideological centralism, that is to say, one process of thinking, uniformity of thinking, oneness in approach, singleness of purpose, has been developed, the concrete conception and personified expression of collective leadership within the party cannot be made possible at all. ... Thirdly, through a relentless and painstaking struggle a band of professional revolutionaries is to be developed from among the leaders and cadres who have taken up the cause of formation of a revolutionary working class party. ... in the Marxist terminology, professional revolutionaries are those who constitute the most advanced section of the militant and conscious proletariat who, through a socialist movement, not merely in economic-political fields but in all aspects of life, have been able to embrace Marxism-Leninism, ... in such a manner that they are capable of engaging themselves constantly in the very many complex battles of the revolutionary life — gladly, unwaveringly and without any reservation — rising above all their personal considerations, needs and difficulties and who can unhesitatingly and happily submit everything personal to the party in the interest of revolution." Thus he showed that a revolutionary party of the proletariat is based on two pillars — democratic centralism, which has two parts — ideological centralism and organizational centralism, and collective leadership. "When a party through such an all-out struggle has been able to develop this ideological centralism, then and then only it can be said that the principle of proletarian democracy is operative inside the party", specified Comrade Ghosh. It is through this process,

following this methodology, fulfilling all necessary conditions that the SUCI, the best creation of Comrade Ghosh, was formed and has been continuing its struggle for bringing about anti-capitalist proletarian revolution.

SUCI's phenomenal growth despite odds

An untimely death took him away from us twenty nine years back but his thoughts continue to provide the beacon light. Under the leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, his comrade-in-arms, the SUCI has been continuing making bold strides ahead, spreading its wings to twenty states of the country, braving all odds, surmounting all adversities. Thinking conscious people hold the SUCI in high esteem as real embodiment of ennobled Marxism-Leninism, and repose abiding confidence in it. On the other hand, the ruling bourgeois class and its servitors, the pseudo-Marxists and social democrats, are all united against this party, leaving no stone unturned to stem its growth. The bourgeois media has completely blacked out the party. Innumerable party leaders and cadres have been assassinated by the power that be and its cronies. Yet the party is going from strength to strength, building up legitimate democratic movement of the people on the burning issues of life with a correct revolutionary outlook. The appeal of Comrade Ghosh's thoughts has transcended the national boundary to create deep impact on the progressive forces and parties around the globe who are raising voice against imperialist savagery. Even those intending to develop revolutionary working class movement are drawing inspiration from Comrade Ghosh's thoughts. After the demise of Comrade Ghosh, the SUCI, under the leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, is playing a significant role in building up mighty anti-imperialist movement throughout the world with the communists working as the core.

Changes in international scene

There have been significant changes in the world situation over these years and regrettably there has been a set back in the world revolutionary movement following deviation and degeneration of the

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US denial of visa to Narendra Modi poses many questions to answer

Towards the end of March, Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister of Gujarat, set himself to fly to the US to attend and address a meeting organized by the Asian-American Hotel Owners' Association, 95 per cent of which belonged to the Gujarati community. But just on the eve of his departure, the US State Department announced that Modi's visa was not granted. They denied this visa ostensibly on the ground of "violations of human rights and religious freedom". Mentionably, his UK tour also was withdrawn later since those who sponsored his visit backed out on security grounds.

Now, why did the US rulers try this apparently thoughtful and just move? The question haunts the mind because they are the same rulers who in carrying out their imperialist design, had committed the worst ever violations of human rights and religious freedom. Let alone the innumerable instances of

the distant past, only in recent times, in utter disregard of rules and norms of the international community, trampling international laws, denying and defying the advice of the UNO and protests from the people the world over, they invaded Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq with barbarous ferocity killing hundreds of thousands of people including children and old. They razed the monuments of ancient human civilization there into dust through lethal bombardments. They occupied those countries, either directly or indirectly, jailed the protestors, tortured them inhumanly, raped women and burnt down their home and hearths savagely. At the same time, these imperialist rulers, always created, pampered, encouraged and utilized the religious fundamentalists who finally gave birth to fundamentalist terrorism. They have supported such rulers who themselves organized genocide

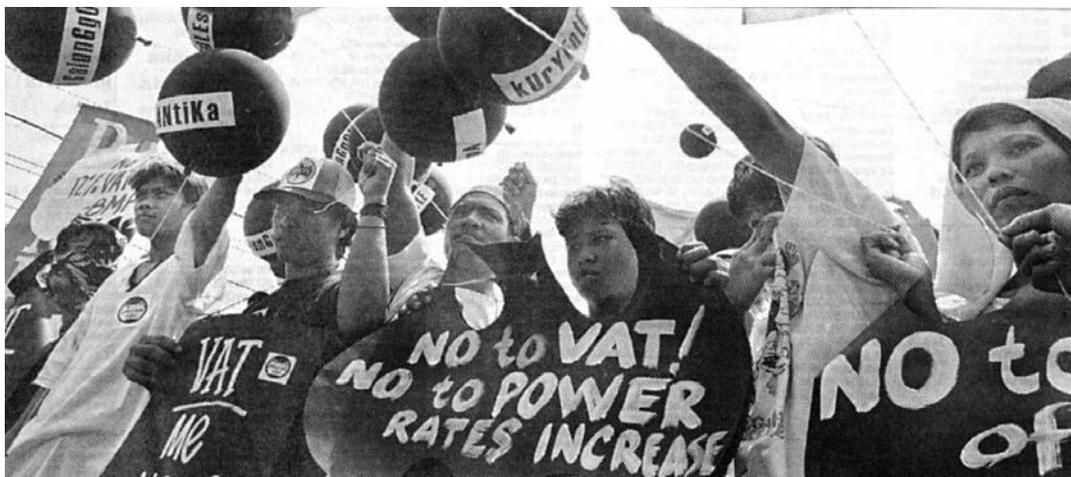
in their countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Idi Amin of Uganda in Africa, Suharto of Indonesia in Asia, Pinochet of Chile in Latin America are a few of such rulers who committed genocides in their countries and were patronized by the US rulers. Again, these US rulers also pampered and maintained good relations with those countries like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Afghanistan under the Talibans which did not or do not tolerate other religions and live in constant enmity with those. Is that all? Who does not know that Narendra Modi is an ardent member of the RSS and one of the important BJP leaders? The US rulers are now outwardly opposed to him and deny him entry to the US on accusations as above. But wasn't this RSS-BJP their best political allies over the decades. When this BJP was ravaging the country with its communal agenda, particularly revamped through Ram

Janmabhumi-Babari Masjid fracas during the eighties and nineties of the last century, these US rulers observed a complete silence. Not only this, as an aftermath of this communal politics, particularly on demolition of 500-year old Babari Masjid, when the country was swamped with grisly rage of communal fire with inhuman attacks on the minority community, culmination of which was in the Gujarat carnage, where was then their concern? They were then close friends to each other. No measures or steps were seen directed against this BJP and its Sangh Parivar Hindu zealots. Rather, by virtue of its being in governmental power during 1999-2004, the US rulers provided all supports to them despite occurrence of Gujarat carnage. Even immediately after the Gujarat genocide in 2002, ostensibly for which the US government blocked Narendra Modi, the architect of the crime, from visiting New York, the same Chief Minister was allowed entry in that country in the same year. Thereafter Prime Minister Atal

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VAT INCURS GLOBAL WRATH



Demonstration in Calcutta, India (above)

and

in Manila, Philippines (Source : Hindustan Times, March 31, 2005)

Good communist character warrants merger of individual and social interests

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leadership. It is painful but true that at a time when world imperialism-capitalism, the main enemy before world communist movement, had been gasping at its last and waiting for the decisive blow, revisionism had appeared as a serious menace, gripping the world communist movement ideologically, politically, culturally and organizationally, vulgarizing and distorting the revolutionary soul of Marxism-Leninism. The revisionist degeneration had been helping imperialism-capitalism to extend its lease of life and making revolutionary battle more difficult, tortuous and prolonged. Ultimately, the USSR collapsed, so did the entire socialist bloc of Eastern Europe causing dismantling of the socialist camp. The communist parties of various countries fell victim of revisionism and many of them are now functioning as appendage to the ruling bourgeoisie. The completion of counter-revolution in China has further complicated the situation for world revolution. The imperialist-capitalist camp headed by the US imperialists has now become unbridled in their overlordism and persuasion of hegemonistic design. The invasion of Iraq, armed intervention in Afghanistan, suppression of just struggle of Palestine people using Zionist Israel regime as cat's paw, issuing open threat to Iran and North Korea, export of terror to various Asian and African countries in the name of saving democracy are some of such instances of imperialist rampage. US imperialists and their Bosom pals in the imperialist world are nakedly meddling into the internal affairs of other countries, subverting their sovereignty through proxy-wars, low-intensity wars, installation of puppet governments flouting all international laws and norms and merrily using UNO as a rubber stamp. Flagrantly they are violating human rights, killing and torturing inmates in the prisons with bestial relish, engineering murders, rapes, indulging in mass annihilation of life and property of innocent people, including in women and child trafficking and all such other heinous crimes with impunity. In this unipolar world, as if theirs is the only voice from the pulpit. How dearly the world humanity is paying

for having failed to preserve the socialist bloc.

Imperialist rampage in unipolar world

Alongside all these brigandage and savagery, the imperialist world through its newly constructed theory of globalization-liberalization is intensifying neo-colonial exploitation. So-called globalization is an attempt to divide and redivide the world into reserve markets for serving the commercial and trading interests of the imperialists and their urge for political domination. Close and critical examination of the features of finance capital today clearly shows that it is far more concentrated, consolidated and highly institutionalized in the multinational corporations (MNCs) doing business in conjunction with IMF and World Bank as well as Aid Consortiums comprising major imperialist powers. In the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, "colonial exploitation, without territorial occupation and direct rule of the colonies ... is what is known as neo-colonialism." The so-called market economy of the doctrine of globalization is an euphemism for this ruthless neo-colonial oppression. Besides those economic and political repressions, the imperialists-capitalists, undeterred in the absence of mighty socialist bloc, is ceaselessly exporting rotten decadent vulgar culture in the form of obscenity, permissiveness, sex-violence, consumerism and so forth to other countries in order to emasculate the people, particularly the youth, from within. So the attack is all pervading.

Surge of anti-imperialist movement

But there is a sparkle in the pervading darkness. There is a massive surge of anti-imperialist movement all over the world including the US. Thousands and thousands of people are coming out in the streets to denounce US-UK combine's invasion of Iraq, US role in Palestine, Pentagon's indiscriminate threat to the countries refusing to toe its line. The glorious resistance put up by the patriotic people of Iraq and the PLO volunteers are spurring people round the world to take up cudgels against imperialist onslaught. Not

only that. The people of Russia, China and other erstwhile socialist countries from experience have begun to understand what they have lost. So there is renewed urge for bringing back socialism. Such movements are also getting crystallized. The valiant struggle and courageous stand of socialist Cuba and North Korea against imperialism are also inspiring the world people. So committed are the people of these two socialist countries to the cause of socialism that they would better lay down their lives but would not allow the socialist system to disintegrate. What is needed today is to coordinate and guide these people's struggles with correct political line and direction. It is here that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thoughts can illumine the path.

Genesis of revisionism

Way back in 1948, Comrade Ghosh expressed serious concern at the prevalence of mechanical thought process as against dialectical thought process in the international communist movement leading to some unhealthy developments. He forewarned that unless this was not rightly resolved in time, it might seriously jeopardize the process of establishment of a world communist society, if not threatening the stability of the socialist countries. He also gave a pointer that the "20th Congress (of the Soviet Communist Party) will open up floodgate of revisionism". Subsequently, he showed that it was ideological degeneration, retrogression and low standard of consciousness which formed the root cause of revisionism. He pointed out — "The Russian experience has clearly shown that if along with the tremendous growth and development of the economy, military science and technology of a socialist country, the ideological-cultural-ethical standard of the society as a whole — starting from the philosophical understanding and cultural-ethical standard of the collective to the minutest detail of the individual behaviour, habit and practices — cannot be elevated to keep pace with the need for all-round development of socialist economy, then the gap that will be created is bound to lead to a lowering of standard in the

ideological sphere. And if the level of consciousness and the cultural standard remain low, then it may give birth to revisionism-reformism ... and thus endanger socialism." He also explained that the traditional understanding of the communist morality, that is, the revolutionary interest is primary and personal interest secondary and sacrificing personal interest unconditionally and happily in the interest of revolution, which had essentially been a humanist approach, was no more adequate at present to fight out completely the continued impact of vile bourgeois individualism. Hence he provided a new concept of communist morality by talking of complete identification of the individual interest with social interest. He also identified "Socialist individualism" a new phenomenon rearing its head in the socialist countries hindering this very process of merger of the individual interest with social interest. So when many were caught aback at the fall of the socialist camp and the revisionists had been trying hard to inveigle people into the capitalist trap, it was no surprise to us as Comrade Ghosh in the process of heightening the understanding of Marxism-Leninism in the perspective of modern science, had explained all these phenomena and if not checked and abated on time, their ominous consequences. These penetrating analyses, enriched understanding of Marxism-Leninism are poised to be the guide to action for world communist movement when it breaks out again with all vigour and resolve.

National scenario during party building days

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had been equally brilliant in his appraisal of the national situation and formulating the guidelines of and the course of action for Indian revolution. He showed how the leadership of the Congress, representing the Indian bourgeois class, in its bid to capture power in hot haste owing to its fear complex of working class revolution, backstabbed the aspiration of the common Indian people in the freedom movement and even agreed to have vivisection of the country on communal lines, taking advantage

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Strengthen SUCI to advance proletarian revolutionary struggle

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of the absence of a genuine revolutionary working class party on the soil. The Indian state emerged as a full-fledged sovereign bourgeois national state with all its characteristic features fully conforming to the capitalist economic base it served. The Congress government under Nehru embarked upon 5-year plans and talked of establishing a socialistic pattern of society to camouflage the capitalist road. In order to bargain with the imperialist-capitalist world and wear a radical cloak, it also pretended a tilt towards the socialist bloc and floated the theory of non-alignment. All these were aimed at consolidation of Indian capitalist economy with the patronage, aid and protection of the newly achieved state power notwithstanding a shadow of crisis in the third most acute phase of general crisis of world capitalism haunting it. 5-year plans were embarked upon to minimize the inner contradictions and conflicts of the capitalist class and reduce anarchy in the capitalist economy as far as possible. The individual capitalists wary of making substantial investments in basic core industries like steel, coal, power, etc., because of low return, wanted the capitalist state to invest in these sectors though they were keen to take all benefits of these basic industries. In the process, monopoly capital grew immensely in both the private and public sectors, and through fusion of the state capital and the private capital was born the state monopoly capital. The process of merger of the industrial capital and the bank capital gave birth to a financial oligarchy. But the undivided CPI instead of making people aware of this design of capitalist class, raised the slogan, "All support to Nehru, build up People's Democratic Republic." Earlier also, it supported Muslim League's demand for Pakistan, called Netaji a quisling and opposed the patriotic 1942 Quit India Movement branding it as pro-fascist. Such actions on its part not only allowed the Indian bourgeoisie to successfully implement its gameplan but also isolated communism from the main current of patriotism and considerably undermined its credibility in the eyes of Indian people. Subsequently also CPI(M) and CPI, the splitted factions continued to practise this

policy of collaborating with the ruling class and its political agents for pelf and power.

National scenario today

The situation today is extremely grim. While a handful of rich and owning class has amassed huge wealth by usurping all benefits of whatever little production and industrialization have taken place, the poor has become yet poorer, pauperized, devastated and doomed to sub-human livelihood. While capitalist globalization is taking a heavy toll on the people, it is offering bonanza to the capitalists-monopolists. For example, core industries in public sector which the ruling bourgeoisie once wanted to be under state ownership for development, as return on capital employed was considered low, are now, in the name of disinvestment, being doled out to them in readymade condition at throw away prices. The ruling class is systematically robbing the people of all their hard earned democratic rights, destroying administrative neutrality, subordinating legislature to judiciary, using judiciary to serve its class-interest, rigging and manipulating elections to induct only its chosen nominees in the legislative houses, gagging freedom of the Press, entrapping common people in communal, casteist, parochial, chauvinist, separatist frenzies and fratricidal bloodbaths, engineering anti-minority pogroms. Not only life, property and dignity, but people's unity, harmony and brotherhood have become the worst casualties. Worst kind of individualism, selfishness, narrow self-centricism and indifference to social cause are constantly degrading the social mind. The bourgeoisie also is mounting severe ideological-cultural assaults in the realm of mind. Through cultural regimentation by either pandering to age-old creeds, prejudices, obscurantism, bigotry, religious fanaticism, backward thoughts or incessant spread of vile, vulgar, pervert imperialist culture, the ruling class is destroying the very backbone of the nation so that the people are dispossessed of the mental and ethical power to rise in protest against the all-out attack on their life and livelihood. Because in that event, it will be easier for the crisis-ridden moribund capitalism to plunge the whole country, the whole society in the darkness of a fascist

de-humanized regime. Sensing this danger, Comrade Ghosh said, "If fascism comes, it will not spare anybody. If this greatest enemy of civilization and mankind in this era gets entrenched, there will not be many left who can be called MAN, because fascism does not only de-humanize, it obstructs the very process of development of man."

Treachery of social democracy

Unfortunately, when the crying need of the hour has been to make people aware of this impending danger, organize them on the platform of a united left and democratic movement to counter the criminalized, debased vote politics of the known bourgeois parties, the CPI(M), CPI parroting Marxist vocabularies have, in their lust for power, shun the path of movement and instead colluding with the national and foreign capital to curry favour with the ruling class. It is because of this that the communal forces could dare raise their head and gain strength. And the ruling class desperately looking for an alternative to the Congress, its most trusted servitor after the latter lost credibility following its prolonged misrule for over four decades seized this opportunity and picked up communal BJP as its other chosen representative and installed it to power. It is with the unqualified support of the CPI(M), CPI that a Congress-led government — the same Congress who was hated and discarded by the people — is ruling at the Centre. The CPI(M)-CPI said that they were forging alliance with secular (!) Congress to keep communalism and communal BJP at bay. How hollow and shallow has been their claim is amply proved when the BJP, in order to regain power, is once again preaching worst communal politics with increased ferocity and managing to stage a come-back as was seen in the recently held elections in Bihar and Jharkhand states. Masquerading as lefts, the CPI(M)-CPI, in fact, are playing the typical role of social democrats, the role of compromise between labour and capital, reaffirming once again how correct was Comrade Ghosh in detecting their non-working class character six decades back. "It is impossible to put an end to capitalism without putting an end to social democracy", said Stalin after seeing the treacherous role these forces play in hoodwinking the toiling

people. Comrade Ghosh in course of his discussion on social democracy remarked, "... fascism grew and developed within the womb of Social-Democratism ... Social Democracy is the last prop of capitalism in the present era of decay of imperialism and proletarian revolution."

Call of 24th April

If only the proletariat can be roused from its present slumber and armed with the invincible weapon of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts to organize and conduct, through its own political instrument — the genuine revolutionary communist party — the struggles of the oppressed people on the burning issues of life and combine all these struggles to conduce to the anti-capitalist revolutionary movement then the proletariat and the oppressed masses through sustained and militant battles can surely overthrow the capitalist class from the state power, smash the bourgeois state machine and replace it by a new socialist state structure, inflict crushing defeat on all kinds of revisionism-reformism, frustrate all machinations of world imperialism-capitalism, stall a fascist take over and unleash a counter current in every sphere — political, social, cultural, moral, ethical based on higher proletarian values. Through more and more consolidation of socialism, the whole society could be led to the ultimate goal of communism. It is only by strengthening the SUCI, the vanguard detachment of Indian proletariat, founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, that this objective can be accomplished. Similarly, it is incumbent on the communist revolutionaries round the world to build up revolutionary parties of the proletariat in their respective countries to provide correct leadership to the class and mass struggles with the objective of bringing about working class revolutions. In this respect, the historic struggle of Comrade Ghosh and his compatriots in building up the SUCI and the lessons drawn therefrom including the imperativeness to attain the elevated standard of communist character as exemplified by Comrade Ghosh, would act as guide to action. History adjures us this task. And historic 24th April demands of us to prove equal to the task.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's Call

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other, tried to give birth to political power of the people by giving shape to people's struggle committees.

Both these struggles, international and national, made our party distinctly different from all other parties in India claiming themselves to be communists. Again, through these struggles our party appeared as the symbol of struggle before the vast toiling masses of our country.

Comrades would have to deeply understand the struggle that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh led to build our party on the Leninist model which actually made it a genuine communist party of the soil and for which it could play such great roles. To build our party on democratic centralism, the Leninist principle of the party organization, Comrade Ghosh conducted an intense socialist struggle covering all aspects of life by involving all the leaders and cadres of the party to constantly develop their ideological-cultural level on which depends the success of the proper functioning of democratic centralism. Through this struggle, the party at the same time gave birth to concrete concept of collective leadership as well as to a band of professional revolutionaries.

Comrades will have to always bear it in mind that as this intense socialist movement covering all aspects of life and involving all leaders and cadres in its vortex is an indispensable struggle to build a communist party, so also it is indispensable, rather a guarantee to maintain and develop its revolutionary character. I believe realizing its importance comrades will relentlessly conduct this struggle.

Today the moribund world capitalism has become out and out reactionary and corrupt and is enmeshed in intense and irresolvable crises. The imperialists-capitalists made desperate bids to come out of the crises. But no measure, whether militarization of their economy or globalization could rescue them from the crises. The all pervasive crises of capitalism – economic, political, social and cultural and moral, have created crisis in all fields of life of the people – making their life unbearable. The objective material condition for revolution is well nigh prepared in all the countries of the world; the ultimate doom of capitalism is

inevitable. But capitalism will not die of its own. It cannot be overthrown unless a genuine communist party in a country gathers sufficient strength, both ideological and organizational, to accomplish the task of revolution. We have not yet succeeded in acquiring such strength. The lease of life of today's dying capitalism is also extended by the most treacherous role of the social democratic forces which always play a compromising role in between labour and capital. Social democratic force is the main danger before the emancipation struggle of the working class and other exploited masses. This is why we will not be able to defeat the main enemy, the imperialists-capitalists without defeating social democratic forces of all shades – ideologically, politically and organizationally. This indispensable task also can be fulfilled only by the growth of strength of the genuine communist party. It is a happy thing as well as silver lining, to find that almost in all countries there are attempts to build genuine communist parties. This

silver lining is further brightened by the attraction that we could create by circulating Comrade Ghosh's works among several parties of the world. It is highly encouraging to note that some of the countries of their own have translated the works of Comrade Ghosh in their mother tongue. But it should not also be overlooked that due to our limitations we could not circulate Comrade Ghosh's works in all countries of the world. Even within our own country we could not reach all the states and the toiling people with his thoughts while attraction towards his thoughts and admiration for our party for its consistent struggle against growing exploitation and all anti-people policies of both the central and state governments is growing rapidly, particularly when the all pervasive crisis of capitalism have thoroughly exposed not only the national and regional bourgeois parties but also CPI and CPI(M) who are clamouring Leftism but in reality throwing its essence to the winds by their direct or indirect defending role of the

exploitative system.

Being faced with extreme crisis in all fields of life – economic, political, educational and cultural – people's grievances are growing and want to burst forth in movements. The revolutionaries have to come forward and organize the masses. Analyzing the situation the Central Committee of our party has given a timely call for revitalization and consolidation of the party, and all its frontal organizations and the Komsomol so that the party and its frontal organizations become strong enough to carry out this historic task.

I, on behalf of the Central Committee, firmly believe that on this historic occasion of the 57th anniversary of our party, all the leaders and cadres of the party will wholeheartedly dedicate themselves to translate into reality the call of the Central Committee.

Long live SUCI
Long Live Revolution
Long Live
Proletarian Internationalism
Red Salute to
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

All Bengal Electricity Consumers Association protest electricity rate-hike by WBSEB

Hundreds of electricity consumers rallied together on 4th April last at the call of ABECA in front of the head office of WBSEB at Salt Lake, Calcutta in protest against the hike in tariff for common consumers, particularly against the hike in agriculture. There they voiced their protest through a meeting. When, thereafter, the consumers marched towards the office of ERC their rally was blocked at the gate of Commissions office at Poura Bhavan. But defying the police barricade a section of consumers entered office of the commission and staged demonstration before it. Meanwhile, a delegation led by Sanjit Biswas, General Secretary, ABECA met the Chairman of the ERC and submitted a memorandum on which some preliminary discussion was held. The demands highlighted included free electricity for agriculture and supply of electricity @ Re. 1/- per unit for poor and middle consumers as well as small traders and industries. In his speech Sanjit Biswas demanded that abolition of so-called cross-subsidy be kept in abeyance until the central

government completes its review of Electricity Act 2003 and defines the National Tariff Policy. He pointed out that while a national policy formulation on tariff, rebate on initial 30 units has been decided at 50%, the ERC is found to have taken no cognizance of it at all. Upon our pressure of continuous movement, the commission had to yield to our demand for restoration of Income Tax Slab structure. No doubt, it's a victory to be reckoned. But the benefit of the reduction in average

cost of tariff has tactfully been passed on in favour of industrial consumers while the tariff for the common consumers has been enhanced on the plea of introduction of so-called cross-subsidy.

To stop this heinous game, 12th of April next will be observed as an All Bengal Protest Day. The copy of the hated order will be burnt in front of all cash counters throughout the state. April 4 programme ended with burning of the copy of the black order.



Consumers protesting against Electricity Tariff Hike in Calcutta

First All India Conference of JPA

Thousands of government employees march to Parliament

“The way the employment and employees are axed following the globalization policy there will be left no public sectors worth the name except police, military and administrative department of the government in the not-too-distant future ; there can be found none as government employees except the handful of staff of these departments. Massive and sustained movements have to be developed to thwart this grim attack on the working class.” Comrade Achintya Sinha, the All India President of Joint Platform of Action (JPA), thus warned the gathering of government employees from states like Delhi, Haryana, UP, Rajasthan, Kerala, Karnataka, West Bengal etc. on March 10 in New Delhi. This Parliament march was organized on the occasion of the First All India Conference of JPA, a nationwide organization of central and state government employees.

In the Memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister and departmental ministers, vehement protests were registered against privatization

of the public sector companies, drastic curtailment of employment, and snatching away of all the rights of the working class earned through hard battle. The memorandum demanded, inter alia, service security to the employees, formation of sixth pay commission, introduction of national employment policy and amendment of the Constitution giving recognition to the right to strike as fundamental right, abolition of contract labour system. It further demanded that the Prime Minister should convene a national meeting of all the central and state governments’ employees’ unions and associations to settle the above issues. A delegate conference held on March 11 decided to launch a week-long movement between May 1 and 7 to culminate in a resistance demonstration on July 29 next. The conference elected a 26 member committee with Comrades Achintya Sinha as President, Deepak Dholakia as Acting President, A. K. Majumdar as General Secretary and S. K. Parashar as Assistant General Secretary.



Comrade Achintya Sinha addressing (above) and a section of the rally on the Parliament Street

Martyrs of freedom struggle remembered

The 74th martyrdom day of Shahid-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, as also his compatriots Rajguru and Sukdev, and Chandrasekhar Azad was commemorated with due reverence and solemnity in different corners of India., as in Sagar and Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Durg in Chhattisgarh, Damunagar in Mumbai, Kanpur and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, Patna, Muzaffarpur, Kanti, Munghyr and Bhagalpur in Bihar and Calcutta and elsewhere in West Bengal. On the occasion, different mass organizations, including AIDSO, AIDYO, AIMSS, and KOMSOMOL organized different programmes to pay homages to these great revolutionaries of the Indian freedom movement, through garlanding portraits, holding street corner or hall meetings and wearing badges and such others.

Speakers in these observance meetings brought out, in the light of invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the characteristics of the Indian independence struggle and the contributions of these

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Behari Vajpayee too visited the US in the same year and addressed a Zionist organization. This organization was yet another arch religious Jewish fundamentalist outfit there. Where was then the concern of the US rulers?

The fact is that the US rulers had to take this step against Narendra Modi this time for two reasons. First, there was a tremendous and sustained pressure of the American people, who were shocked and aggrieved, at the US government’s role in regard to this genocide. Secondly, there was an international pressure too. The well-meaning people of the countries the world over expressed indignation against this carnage and

freedom fighters who represented the uncompromising trend of the struggle. They further highlighted the fact that true respect to these revolutionaries of the past could be paid by discharging out duties and commitments to the present society and its people by developing the revolutionary struggle of the day on the strength of the higher and nobler ideology of the day.

US Denial of Visa to Modi

its architects. Both these pressures acted as an unrelenting force to compel the US rulers to take this stand. There may be one more reason behind such a step of the US rulers. The aggressions that were thrust upon several Muslim dominated countries in the world caused unprecedented hostility among the people of these countries against the US imperialists. Under the circumstances, can it not be doubted, as felt by many, that the US vis-a-vis Modi episode perhaps has got something to do with salvaging the US image? Precisely, through this measure against Narendra Modi, the US rulers have sought to allay the heat of anger and humiliation in the Muslim world.

Reactions of this event in India are also noteworthy ! After the US refusal of visa to Narendra Modi, the BJP flanked by the Sangh Parivar raised hue and cry saying that this step of the US has hurt the national pride of India. What a mockery indeed ! The crime Narendra Modi committed in Gujarat, as an inalienable part of the Sangh Parivar, demands that there should be a criminal trial against him. Even, he should have

been put on the dock of the international court of crime for trial on charge of pogrom. He has shattered the image of the country before the world. He has razed the country’s prestige to the dust. Is it not ridiculous that one who has himself destroyed the country’s honour and dignity, now clamour for national pride and some people stand in his defence ?

The role of the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre is equally despicable and obnoxious. While they should have put him to trial for the crime Narendra Modi committed in Gujarat, they instead tried to placate him ! Not only this. They have termed this US action as unconstitutional. Why this support to a man, who faced condemnation from all democratic-minded people of the country and abroad? This is the question that haunts the minds of all people of India. Here again people may wonder, does it have anything to do with appeasing communalism in competition with the BJP, with an eye to making some more inroad into a common vote bank ?

On visa to Modi, the US rulers seem to have churned up all these questions.

Eminent leader of historic Tebhaga movement

Comrade Renupada Haldar passes away

Comrade Renupada Haldar, veteran member of the South 24 Parganas District Secretariat of our party, SUCI, an eminent peasant leader of the historic Tebhaga movement of peasants and agricultural workers of the South Bengal and a distinguished trade union leader, breathed his last from a heart attack at Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital on 31 March last at the age of 78.

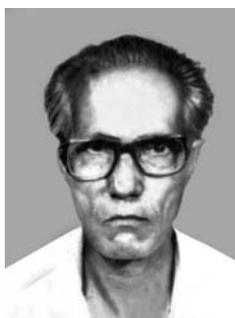
When in the late forties of the last century, the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, accompanied by his late Comrades Sachin Banerjee and Subodh Banerjee, was building up intense struggle of the exploited peasants and agricultural workers against limitless oppression of the landlords, jotedars, and moneylenders, in the vast regions of the Sundarban of the South Bengal, Comrade Renupada Haldar was one of the few youths who came in contact with Comrade Ghosh and joined the struggle under his leadership. From there, inspired by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thought and leadership, he grew up into a revolutionary, much under the intimate guidance of Comrade Sachin Banerjee.

Comrade Renupada Haldar came of a lower middle class family. After passing the Matriculation Examination, he left for Delhi with a job there. But his urge for revolution soon brought him back to his village. He engaged himself

wholeheartedly in party work. At the behest of the party, Comrade Renupada Haldar unceasingly built up struggle in the inaccessible areas of the Sundarban remaining always with the oppressed masses and braving repeated attacks by the goons of the landlords and jotedars. Thus defying all onslaughts, he emerged, through his undaunted struggle for their cause, as beloved leader of the downtrodden masses of the region. Later, he took a leading role in organizing movement of workers and employees of both the organized and unorganized sectors, as the Vice-President of the State Committee and a Member of the All India Council of the UTUC-LS. In consequence, the oppressed people of his native constituency elected him four times as their MLA.

In his personal life, Comrade Renupada Haldar ceaselessly carried on struggles to attain and acquire revolutionary ideals and culture of the party. In this struggle, he also successfully inspired his family and relatives to join him and the party.

At the news of his demise, grief-stricken people of Jaynagar, Kultali, Mathurapur, Mandirbazar and Magrahat thronged to the roadside of his funeral procession to have the



glimpse of their leader once for all.

Central Committee and State Committee leaders of the party, leaders of UTUC-LS and different mass organizations and the Ganadabi Press of the party, placed wreaths on his remains to pay respect to Comrade

Haldar, after it was brought to the Party Office, the Trade Union Office and other centres. The leaders paying tribute included West Bengal State Secretary and Central Committee Member of SUCI, Comrade Provas Ghosh, SUCI State Secretariat Members like Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Comrade Pratiba Mukherjee, Comrade Sunil Mukherjee, West Bengal State Committee Members Comrades Deba Prasad Sarkar, Salil Chakraborty, Sadhana Chowdhury, Tapan Roy Chowdhury, Sanjit Biswas, Bidhan Chatterjee, AIMSS All India President Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee and other leaders.

As his mortal remains were then taken to the Bidhan Sabha Bhaban (Assembly House), the Speaker, the Chief Minister and MLAs of different parties paid tribute to him. Then his body was taken to South 24 Parganas District Party Office at Jaynagar, where thousands of party

workers, supporters, sympathizers and common people, eagerly waited for. The District Secretary Comrade Yakub Pailan and other District Secretariat members and leaders of various mass organizations, other parties and public bodies placed wreaths on his body. He was cremated at the Bishnupur cremation ground amidst hundreds of mourners raising slogans 'Comrade Renupada Haldar, we shall remember you for ever', 'Long Live SUCI', 'Long Live Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts' and 'Long Live Comrade Renupada Haldar'.

A memorial meeting under the auspices of the party was held at Jaynagar on April 3, Sunday evening. The meeting was presided over by the District Secretary Comrade Yakub Pailan. Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, West Bengal State Secretariat, in his address as the main speaker of the meeting and Comrade Shankar Saha, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee of UTUC-LS and Member, West Bengal State Committee of the party, recapitulated elaborately and emotionally, the life struggle of Comrade Renupada Haldar as the worthy follower of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Along with innumerable admirers and comrades of Comrade Renupada Haldar, his bereaved wife paid tribute to their departed leader.

**Red Salute
Comrade Renupada Haldar**



People of Hindupur, Anantapur District, AP staged a massive Dharna in front of the municipal office on March 21 last in protest against lack of civic amenities. Above a view of a section of the sit-in-demonstration

SUCI condemns Steel price-hike

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in a statement issued on 2 April, 2005 strongly condemned the latest steep hike in the price of steel by 20% by SAIL and other steel manufacturing companies at the behest of the Congress-led UPA Government. Steel being a core raw material, such substantial escalation in its price is bound to have a cascading effect on the prices of other commodities and would definitely push up the general price line to a significant level, ultimate burden of which will fall on the common people. Comrade Mukherjee categorically called this exorbitant rise in steel price highly unjust and unwarranted and pointed out that this move once again brings to the fore how the government of India is hell-bent on resorting to the totally undemocratic practice of administered pricing mechanism blatantly bypassing the parliament and that too on such a vital issue affecting the life of the people.

Comrade Mukherjee appealed to the people of the country to stoutly oppose both these oppressive anti-people moves.

Observe SUCI Foundation Day on 24 April

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